

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2021

The Burke County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom at the Burke County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Evans Martin. Commissioners Abrams, Nix, and Lively, along with County Attorney Barry Fleming, and County Manager Merv Waldrop were also in attendance.

Manager Waldrop gave the invocation for the meeting and Commissioner Nix led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Laverne Sello was presented a plaque by the Board in recognition of her 17 years of service with the County in Elections.

Commissioner Nix motioned to approve the Minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Commissioner Abrams seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Several bids were then opened and deferred to Finance Committee on December 15, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

Bids for Cleaning Chemicals were:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Kamo		**Line-Item Bid
S & S Distribution		
Associated Paper		

All companies provided a bid amount for each line item. Bids will be tabulated and presented to Finance Committee for award.

Bids for the HVAC Maintenance were then opened. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
C D White Inc	\$ 51,320.00 / annual	
Rowell Heating and Air	\$ 74,110.00 / annual	

Bids for Inmate Medical Services were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Southern Health Partners	\$ 231,420.00	
Keys Medical Staffing and Svs	\$ 274,500.00	
Southern Correctional Svs	\$ 225,600.00	

Bids for Janitorial Services for the Law Enforcement Center were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Cooks Janitorial Service	\$ 4,893.88 / mo	
Jan-Pro Cleaning	\$ 1,560.00 / mo	
Jani King	\$463	Frequency unknown
Complete Solutions Cleaning	\$ 5,000.00 / mo	
Easterseals East Georgia/Julia Gentz	\$ 3,472.00 / mo	w/supplies

Bids for a 2022 4 x 4 Crew Cab Light Duty Pick Up:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Ginn Chrysler Jeep Dodge	\$ 41,766.00	

Bids for a 2022 Police Pursuit SUV were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Ginn Chrysler Jeep Dodge	\$ 36,845.00	

Bids for a 2022 Police Pursuit Sedan were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Ginn Chrysler Jeep Dodge	\$ 35,641.00	

The Board then considered a request to rezone a 2-acre portion of property on Parcel #100-014 owned by George Evans from A1 to R3. This rezoning is to accommodate the construction of a duplex on the property. There was no opposition, and the Planning Commission has recommended it. Commissioner Nix motioned to approve the rezoning of Parcel #100-014 from A1 to R3 with Commissioner Abrams seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board then considered a request to rezone portions of Parcel #100B-055B from A1 to R1 owned by George Evans. This request is to enable Mr. Evans to clean up property lines and record new deeds. There was no opposition, and the Planning Commission has recommended it. Commissioner Nix motioned to approve the rezoning of Parcel #100B-055B from A1 to R1 with Commissioner Abrams seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board then revisited the request from the Development Authority to provide a temporary \$1,500 / month stipend to the Office Manager until a new Economic Development Director is hired. Commissioner Abrams motioned to approve the monthly stipend with Commissioner Nix seconding.

Motion did not carry with a split 2-2 vote. Commissioners Abrams and Nix voted for the stipend and Commissioners Martin and Lively voted against the stipend.

The Board then had the first reading of Ordinance 22-01 to Amend the Speed Limit Regulations on County Roads. The Public Works Committee has asked to change the County's Speed Limit Ordinance to add speed limits for Spring Branch Church Road, Jack DeLaigle Road, Johnson Road, and Idlewood Road. The limits would be reduced to 45 mph. Commissioner Nix motioned to adopt Ordinance 22-01 with Commissioner Lively seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board then considered a Resolution supporting reform to Georgia's Annexation Dispute Process. This Resolution asks the General Assembly to revise the procedures and gives the DCA authority to administer the Annexation Dispute process. Commissioner Nix motioned to adopt the Resolution with Commissioner Abrams seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board then considered the adoption of the Language Access Plan for CDBG programs. This plan provides mitigation for those who need language assistance and will need to be updated to receive grant funding for the Boxing Club. Commissioner Abrams motioned to adopt the Language Access Plan with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

Manager Waldrop then requested the maintenance responsibilities of the Recreation Department be moved to the Facility Maintenance department to improve facility maintenance and staff efficiency. The six positions, 3 currently staffed and 3 vacant, plus equipment would be assigned to Facilities Maintenance. Commissioner Abrams voiced opposition. Commissioner Lively motioned to approve the reorganization of the Recreation Department with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioners Lively, Martin, and Nix in favor and Commissioner Abrams against.

The Board then considered the approval of modifications to the Cotton Warehouse renovation plans, as suggested by Chief Deputy Webster, BCSO. The modifications would move the new offices to Warehouses 4 & 5, leaving units 2 & 3 for future development. It was also stated any use of units 2 & 3 be cleared through the County Management office. Commissioner Nix motioned to approve the modification of the renovation plans with Commissioner Abrams seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

Next on the Agenda was the approval of Proposed Local Redistricting maps. The Board agreed to table this item until Wednesday, December 22, 2021, to discuss with the Burke County School Board.

The Board then considered two terms on the Library Board that will expire the end of 2021. Both Karen Reeves and Mike Searles are eligible for reappointed, and terms would run through 2024. Commissioner Nix motioned to reappoint Karen Reeves and Mike Searles to the Library Board with Commissioner Abrams seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board then considered filling the unexpired term on the DFCS Board due to the passing of Sam Cummings. This term would run through June 2023. As there has currently been no interest shown, this was tabled until the January 11, 2022, meeting.

The Board then considered two expiring position terms on the Unified Development Authority. One position is vacant due to Molly Olsen's relocation to Virginia and the second position currently held by Ashley Roberts, Chamber Director, expires the end of December 2021. Commissioner Abrams motioned

to reappoint Ashley Roberts to the Unified Development Authority with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board then reviewed the contract with RCN Contracting for EMA Headquarters renovation. RCN was asked to review their original bid to see if they would be able to reduce costs. The final contract changes that are acceptable to the staff and architect, reflects a savings of \$35,100.00. The final contract price will be \$714,189.00. Commissioner Nix motioned to approve the final contract with RCN Contracting with Commissioner Abrams seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Task Order for MaesAwyr for Design and Bidding Services for Airport T-Hangers, Taxilanes and Sitework was next on the agenda. GA DOT has funding if the project can be designed and ready to bid by March 2022 and under contract prior to June 30, 2022. This task order is set to not exceed \$93,885.95. Commissioner Abrams motioned to approve the Task Order for MaesAwyr with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

Next, the Board considered the approval of Task Order for MaesAwyr for Design and Bidding Services for Airport Perimeter Security / Wildlife fencing. Cost for this work is not to exceed \$63,511.37. Commissioner Abrams motioned to approve the Taks Order for MaesAwyr with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

Burke County Relay for Life requested a waiver of rental fees for their kickoff event on February 26, 2022. The waived fees would be \$600.00 for rental plus \$150.00 refundable deposit. Commissioner Abrams motioned to waive the fees for Burke County Relay for Life with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board then considered a proposed agreement with the City of Midville for Law Enforcement Services. County Manager Waldrop stated there were several budgetary impacts that are unclear and until more information can be determined, recommended this item be tabled. Commissioner Lively tabled the item until the Called Meeting on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

Commissioner Abrams then motioned to enter Executive Session at 6:45 PM to discuss a property matter and a litigation issue. Commissioner Nix seconded and motion to enter Executive Session passed 4-0.

Following this discussion, Mr. Nix moved to go back into regular session. Mr. Abrams gave the second and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Then Mr. Nix made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an executive session affidavit. Mr. Abrams Offered to second the motion. It was approved with all in favor.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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Merv Waldrop, County Manager